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SUBJECT: UNEP INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE: NAIROBI 8718

1. USG DECISION ON WHETHER TO SEND "EXPERT" TO NOVEMBER INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON SUBJECT OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DEFERRED PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SECRETARIAT'S VIEWS OF OBJECTIVES AND INTENDED OUTPUTS OF THE SESSION. NEITHER REFTEL NOR MUNRO 10 AUGUST LETTER IS DEFINITIVE.

2. IF PURPOSE, AS IMPLIED BY MUNRO LETTER, IS SIMPLY TO
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REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THREE BASIC DOCUMENTS UNEP/GC/76,

UNEP/GC/79 AND UNEP/GC/80, U.S. DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO SEND EXPERT SINCE WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT VALUE OF EXERCISE. OUR PREFERENCE IN THIS CASE IS TO BE REPRESENTED BY UNEP PERM REP.

3. IF, HOWEVER, EXPERTS MEETING WILL CONSIDER FOREGOING DOCUMENTATION WITHIN CONTEXT OF BROADER EVALUATION OF "ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT" SUBJECT AREA, AND SPECIFICALLY IN TERMS OF FUTURE UNEP PROGRAMMING, DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE BROAD-GAUGED EXPERT. IMPORTANT TO KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE IF GROUP WILL BE CHARGED AS

INDICATED IN OPERATIVE PARA 4 OF UNEP DECISION 79(IV) OF GC/IV WITH TASK OF PREPARING CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF IRRATIONAL AND WASTEFUL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR WHICH SECRETARIAT WILL DEVELOP ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION INCLUDING ON PROGRAMMING IMPLICATIONS? ALSO, DOES SECRETARIAT INTEND TO PICK UP UK SUGGESTION (PARA 456, REPORT OF GC/IV, UNEP/GC/85) AND REQUEST EXPERTS TO CONSIDER ISSUES ENUMERATED IN PARA 5 OF DECISION 79?

4. REQUEST PERM REP OBTAIN CLARIFYING DETAILS ON PLANS AND OBJECTIVES OF EXPERTS MEETING FROM UNEP SECRETARIAT, AND ALSO CONSULT WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO UNEP ON ANTICIPATED NATURE OF OTHER COUNTRY PARTICIPATION AND THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE SESSION. VIEWS OF EC COUNTRIES, CANADA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. DEPARTMENT WOULD THEN APPRECIATE RECOMMENDATION FROM PERM REP ON APPROPRIATE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN MEETING BASED ON THESE DISCUSSIONS AND FIRM SCHEDULE OF MEETING.

5. SECRETARIAT MAY BE NOTIFIED THAT U.S. ANTICIPATES PREPARING COMMENTS ON THE THREE BASIC DOCUMENTS IN ADVANCE OF NOVEMBER MEETING. KISSINGER

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